

Curriculum Vitae

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Education

2007	Habilitation and Venia Legendi, Pharmacology and Toxicology
2006	Board Certification in Pharmacology and Toxicology
1995-1997	Experimental Thesis in Pharmacology University Medical Center Hamburg-Eppendorf, Hamburg, Germany
1998-2001	Postgraduate course in Molecular Biology Center for Molecular Neurobiology and Institute of Pharmacology, University Medical Center Hamburg-Eppendorf, Hamburg, Germany

Clinical electives at:

- Duke University Medical School, Durham, USA
- Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center, Harvard Medical School, Boston, USA
- Mount Auburn Hospital, Harvard Medical School, Boston, USA
- Groote Schuur Hospital, University of Cape Town, South Africa

Academic Career

Since 2008	Professor (W3) and Director Institute of Pharmacology and Toxicology, University Medical Center Göttingen, Germany
2004 - 2008	Junior Professor (Assistant Professor) Institute of Pharmacology and Toxicology, University Medical Center Hamburg-Eppendorf, Hamburg, Germany
2003 - 2004	Lecturer and Staff Scientist Institute of Pharmacology and Toxicology, University Medical Center Hamburg-Eppendorf, Hamburg, Germany
1999 - 2003	Resident Clinical Pharmacology, University Erlangen-Nuremberg

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Fellowships, Awards, and Honours (selected)

2021	Honorary Award Lecture on Basic Science, German Society of Cardiology
2018	President, 3 rd German Pharm Tox Summit / 84 th Annual Meeting of the German Society of Pharmacology and Toxicology
2015	International Engagement Award, Basic Cardiovascular Science Council, AHA
2014	Start-Up-Innovation Award by the Göttingen County
2008	Fellow of the American Heart Association (AHA)
2007	Dr. Martini Award by the Dr. Martini-Stiftung
2007	Hengstberger-Stipend by the German Society of Cardiology
2005	Fraenkel-Award by the German Society of Cardiology
2004	Young Investigator Award (European Section) by the International Society for Heart Research
2002	Minerva Short-Term Research Stipend at the Gepstein lab (Technion, Haifa, Isreal) by the Max-Planck Society
2001	Research-Award for Development of Research Tools to Reduce Animal Experiments by the Federal Ministry of Food, Agriculture and Consumer Protection
2001	Oskar-Lapp-Award by the German Society of Cardiology

Professional Activities

Editorial Boards	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Circulation Research• Journal of Molecular and Cellular Cardiology• Cardiovascular Research• Basic Research in Cardiology• Regenerative Therapy
Memberships	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• German Society of Pharmacology and Toxicology (DGPT)• German Society of Cardiology (DGK)• European Society of Cardiology (ESC)• American Heart Association (AHA)• International Society of Heart Research (ISHR)• International Society for Stem Cell Research (ISSCR)• Safety Pharmacology Society (SPS)

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Research Interests

Tissue-engineered heart repair, therapeutic genome editing, stem cell biology, disease modelling and drug discovery in stem cell models, cell-cell/organ-organ cross talk, translation from bench-to-bedside, early clinical trials, ATMPs

Selected Publications

Zimmermann WH, Fink C, Kralisch D, Remmers U, Weil J, Eschenhagen T. (2000) *Three-dimensional engineered heart tissue from neonatal rat cardiac myocytes*. Biotechnol Bioeng 68:106-114.

Zimmermann WH, Schneiderbanger K, Schubert P, Didie M, Munzel F, Heubach JF, Kostin S, Neuhuber WL, Eschenhagen T. (2002) *Tissue engineering of a differentiated cardiac muscle construct*. Circ Res 90:223-230.

Zimmermann WH, Melnychenko I, Wasmeier G, Didie M, Naito H, Nixdorff U, Hess A, Budinsky L, Brune K, Michaelis B, Dhein S, Schwoerer A, Ehmke H, Eschenhagen T. (2006) *Engineered heart tissue grafts improve systolic and diastolic function in infarcted rat hearts*. Nat Med 12:452-458.

Zafeiriou MP, Bao G, Hudson J, Halder R, Blenkle A, Schreiber MK, Fischer A, Schild D, **Zimmermann WH** (2020) Developmental GABA polarity switch and neuronal plasticity in Bioengineered Neuronal Organoids. Nat Commun. 11:3791.

Raad FS, Khan TA, Esser TU, Hudson JE, Seth BI, Fujita B, Gandamala R, Tietze LF, **Zimmermann WH**. (2021) Chalcone-Supported Cardiac Mesoderm Induction in Human Pluripotent Stem Cells for Heart Muscle Engineering. ChemMedChem. 16:3300-3305.

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Chang Liao ML, de Boer TP, Mutoh H, Raad N, Richter C, Wagner E, Downie BR, Unsöld B, Arooj I, Streckfuss-Bömeke K, Döker S, Luther S, Guan K, Wagner S, Lehnart SE, Maier LS, Stühmer W, Wettwer E, van Veen T, Morlock MM, Knöpfel T, **Zimmermann WH**. *Sensing Cardiac Electrical Activity With a Cardiac Myocyte--Targeted Optogenetic Voltage Indicator*. Circ Res. 2015 Aug 14;117(5):401-12.

Riegler J§, Tiburcy M§, Ebert A, Tzatzalos E, Raaz U, Abilez OJ, Shen Q, Kooreman NG, Neofytou E, Chen V, Wang M, Meyer T, Tsao PS, Connolly AJ, Couture LA, Gold JD, **Zimmermann WH***, Wu JC*. (2015) *Human Engineered Heart Muscles Engraft and Survive Long-Term in a Rodent Myocardial Infarction Model*. Circ Res 117:720-739. §first authors; *corresponding authors

Tiburcy M, Hudson JE, Balfanz P, Schlick S, Meyer T, Chang Liao ML, Levent E, Raad F, Zeidler S, Wingender E, Riegler J, Wang M, Gold JD, Kehat I, Wettwer E, Ravens U, Dierickx P, van Laake LW, Goumans MJ, Khadjeh S, Toischer K, Hasenfuss G, Couture LA, Unger A, Linke WA, Araki T, Neel B, Keller G, Gepstein L, Wu JC, **Zimmermann WH**. (2017) *Defined Engineered Human Myocardium with Advanced Maturation for Applications in Heart Failure Modelling and Repair*. Circulation 135:1832-1847.